

Dear Mr. Stout,

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Because of the nature of your kind letter, for which I thank you, I report what I do not intend as immodesty, the first of the Whitewash series was done 2.13.65.

I enclose a list of the available books. In addition, there is what is out of print and I did not publish myself, OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. ^{FRANK} ~~FRANK~~-UP, on the King ass, has a little JFK assassination information in it. I did not publish it, either.

Interestingly, the two books that were published by established publishers, did poorest.

For those who want it, we have been providing xeroxes of OSWALD for \$27. If a friend keeps his word, I should have a few printed copies. He says he found some and is sending them. The lowest price I've seen them offered by out-of-print stores is \$25. If I get them I'll send them for that.

Robert Cutler, 33 Union Street, Manchester, Mass., has a newsletter titled "The Grassy Knoll Gazette." Penn Jones, of Midlothian Texas, published "The Continuing Inquiry." I do not know the costs.

In general I question the conclusions and often the integrity of the conspiracy theorists. I've not read the Freed book and don't intend to because I know of nothing dependable he has ever done and I've read more than enough to form an opinion. Summers' is often dishonest and the links to the Mafia range from nonexistent to misrepresented. Not uncommonly he takes as his own what he got from others. With regard to Phillips, whose defender in general I am not, and the Fonzi work, I do not regard it as at all dependable and I know that Veciana worked for another part of the CIA entirely. I do not credit his tale, but aside from that unless at some point he was switched he was not CIA through Phillips but through another.

The Department of Justice has little choice. It will have to do something about what the House committee turned over to it. It has taken this long time because it is trying to work out what will not be unfavorable to it or at the least, puts the best possible face on its many failures and covering ups. The panel appointed by the National Academy of Sciences, to study the police tape, is dominated by a fierce partisan. I have no reason to believe that anything has been done about the Bronson film, another area DJ was to pursue.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg